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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR TEXACO

1. DEPT PLEASE PASS ASAP FOLLOWING TO TEXACO OIL CO. CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA. WND OR H.C. MINOR (HOME TELEPHONE 305-666-2472).
DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. ALSO PASS COPY TO AF/S - E. FUGIT.

2. QUOTE: CGS-670 - URGENT, MINOR FOR SHELDON

HAVE RECEIVED 0808 FOLLOWING ADVICE QUOTE THE UNITED STATES
CONSULATE GENERAL NOW RECOMMENDS THAT ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAVE
ANGOLA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY IN SECURING
TRANSPORTATION WE WILL ASSIST YOU. HOWEVER TO BE ABLE TO DO SO WE
REQUEST THAT YOU CALL THE CONSULATE TO INFORM US OF YOUR PLANS
AND WHETHER YOU NEED ASSISTANCE. SIGNED THOMAS F. KILLORAN,
CONSUL GENERAL UNQUOTE. SITUATION AT PRESENT SUMMARIZED AS
FOLLOWS: FNLA DECLARED WAR ON MPLA; MPLA CALLED FOR GENERAL
MOBILIZATION AS A REACTION; UNITA ALSO MOBILIZED AND ON BRINK OF
DECLARING WAR; HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL SILVA CARDOSO RECALLED
TO LISBON DURING BRIEF VISIT BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO; APPEARY
TO BE SOME DISSENSION AMONG PORTUGUESE MILITARY; ROSA COUTINHO
BLAMES UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM FOR ANGOLA PROBLEMS AND CARDOSO
REPORTEDLY RETURNING ANGOLA; COUNCIL OF MINISTERS NO LONGER
MEETING AND VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE MEET WITH MINISTERS IF AND WHEN
PRESENT; REPORTEDLY ONLY 5 DISTRICT GOVERNORS OPERATING OUT OF
A TOTAL OF 16; CENTRAL BANK OF ANGOLA ON PARTIAL STRIKE
WITH OTHER BANKS UNDERGOING DIFFICULTY DUE RUNS ON BANKS, TRANSFERS
FOR REFUGEES AND LACK OF FOREIGN CURRENCY AND CREDITS WITH RE-
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SULTANT LIMITATION ON PERSONAL WITHDRAWALS OF 600 DOLLARS PER WEEK:

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DOWN DUE FOREGOING AS WELL AS PARTIAL PARALIZATION OF PORTS, EXODUS OF AFRICAN LABORERS TO HOMELANDS, DISPLACED PERSONS AND EXODUS OF EUROPEANS; SOME BASIC FOODSTUFFS SUCH AS BREAD BECOMING SCARCE; LPG COOKING GAS FINISHED AND WILL HOPEFULLY BE IMPORTED IN 20 DAYS; LUANDA GASOLINE STOCKS WILL FINISH IN 3 DAYS UNLESS MOBIL TANKER SOMEWHERE NEAR COAST DISCHARGES; REASON GIVEN IS CAPTAIN CONCERNED REGARDING SECURITY GUARANTEES BUT SHOULD BE NOED THAT MOBIL HASHNOT YET RECEIVED L/C OR HARD CURRENCY PAYMENT FOR PRODUCT; LUANDA PARTIALLY WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AND WATER SINCE EARLY MORNING AUG 8 BUT APPARENTLY NOW BEING RESTORED; CURFEW NOW 2400 HOURS TO 0600 HOURS; AS RESULT FIGHTING BETWEEN FNLA AND MPLA AMD SOMETIMES UNITA AND MPLA A NUMBER OF UPCOUNTRY CITIES ARE WITHOUT SUPPLIES, SOME DESERTED, OTHER CITIES FEELING STRAIN OF MORE THAN 40,080 DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUEES; PORTUGUESE TROOPS PULLING BACK FROM SOME OF THESE CITIES; GARBAGE DISPOSAL, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES DETERIORATING; UPCOUNTRY TRAFFIC NON-EXISTANT OG AT A TRICKLE; REFINERY, SHELL DEPOT, CEMENT FACTORY AND ALL OTHER INDUSTRIES LOCATED ON ROAD NORTH OF CITY STILL SHUTDOWN. CONSULATE RECOMMENDATION

BASED ON BELIEF THAT A MAJOR CONFRONTATION WILL TAKE PLACE BUT TIMING AND NATURE OF WHICH UNDETERMINABLE. IN VIEW OF THIS BELIEF AND SUBSEQUENT DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT ARISE CONCERNING FOOD, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND TRANSPORTATION OUT OF COUNTRY, THEY HAVE MADE PRESENET RECOMMENDATION. CONSULATE HOWEVER DOES NOT INTEND TO EVACUATE ANY OF THEIR PRESENT PERMANENT STAFF. WE DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT INTEND EVACUATING AT THIS TIME FOR FOLLOWIMG REASONS: SUCH ACTION WOULD DEMOALIZE LOCAL STAFF ENCOURAGING RESIGNATIONS AND EXODUS; IT WOULD DIFFICULT IMMENSELY ANY POSSIBLE RUUMPTION OF NORMAL BUSINESS WITH EXPATRIATE ASSISTANCE IF MARKET RETURNS TO ITS PREVIOUSLY HEALTHY STATUS; DUE PRESENT SITUATION ALLHEXPATS REQUIRED TO KEEP COMPANY FUNCTIONING AS NORMALLY AS POSSIBLE GIVEN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, RESIGNATIONS, ATTRITION AND VACATIONS; PRESENT WORK SCHEDULE AALLOWS FOR ONLY TWO EXPATS IN LUANDA AT ANY ONE TIME; LIVING CONDITIONS WHILE NOT NORMAL ARE NOT YET UNBEARALBE; COMPANY HOUSE AND CONSULATE SET UP TO HANDLE NECESSIIES IF SITUATION DETERIORATES AND IMMEDIATE EVACUATION NOT POSSIBLE; A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED WHICH WE WILL DEAL WITH WEEK OF 0811. CONCERNING FUTUREHSUPPLIES TO ANGOLA OUR POSITION IS LOADING ONLY AGAINST L/C AT THIS TIME.

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WILL REVERT RE YCGS-468 WEEK OF 0811. AS TELEX HAS NOT BEEN OPERATING PLEASE VOMMUNICATE THIS INFO TO DAHLKAMP CALTEX CAPETOWN AND HE ADVISE WIVES NO NEED FOR CONCERN. DWHLKAMP BY SUDER.O

AUGUST 8, 1975. UNQUOTE

KILLORAN

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